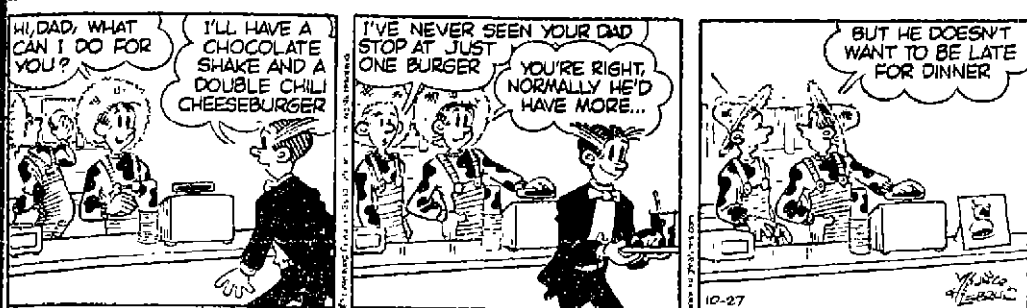


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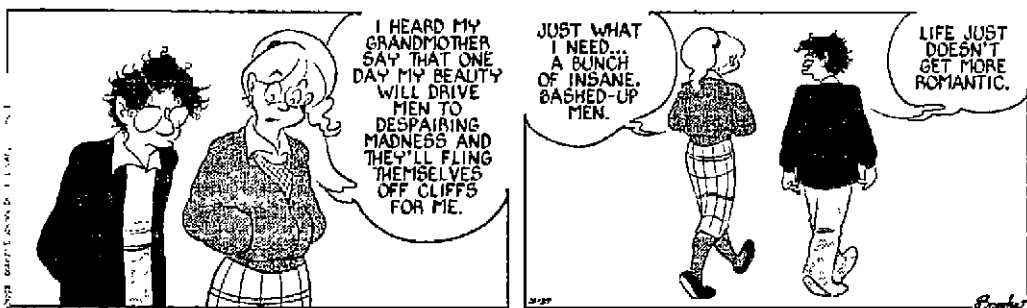
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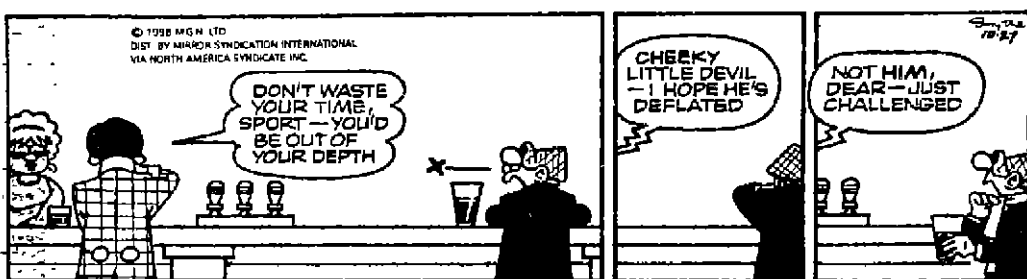
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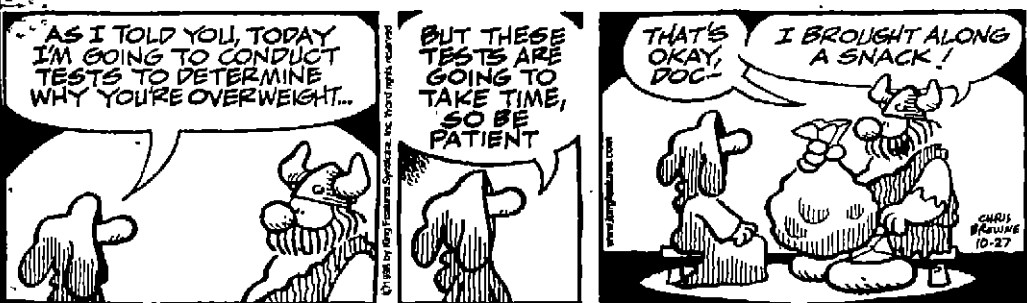
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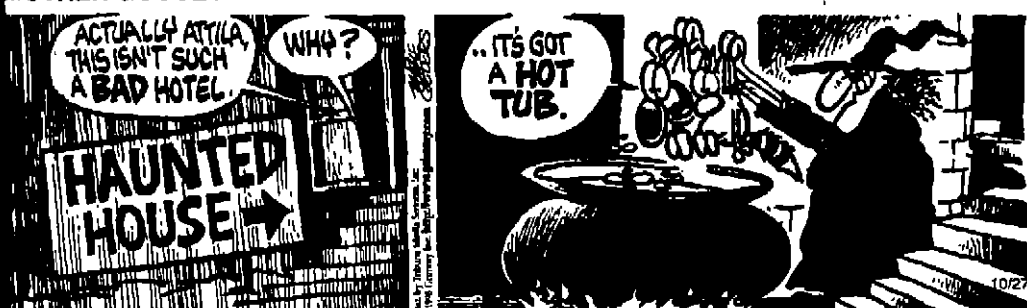
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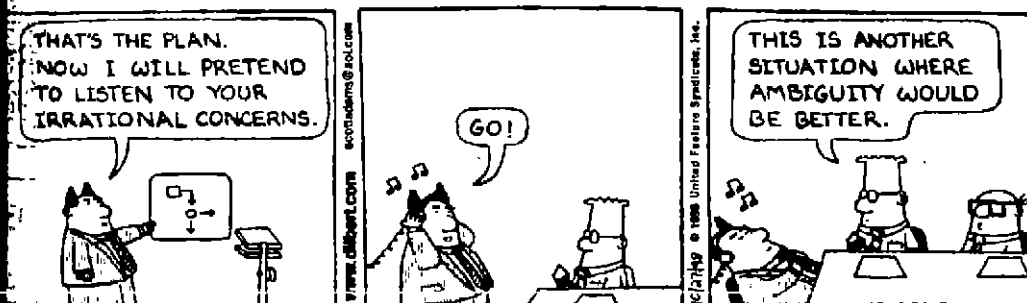
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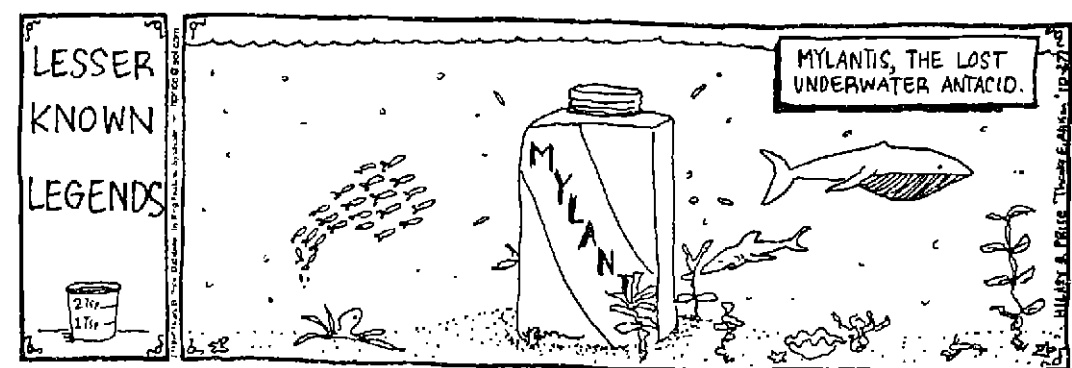
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actress Teresa Wright is 80.
Actress Nanette Fabray is 78.
Baseball Hall of Famer and sportscaster Ralph Kiner is 76.
Actress Ruby Dee is 74.
Former Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher is 73.
Country singer Lee Greenwood is 56.
Actress Carrie Snodgrass is 52.
Actor Robert Picardo ("Star Trek: Voyager") is 45.
Singer Simon Le Bon (Duran Duran) is 40.

I NEED HELP



When wine tasters collapse.

SCRABBLE

N	G	N	U	E	R	D							
S	D	L	E	U	E	O							
D	N	H	O	O	E	W							
B	M	A	A	E	C	R							

PAR SCORE 135-145

by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL

TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 10-27-98

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WORD SLEUTH

Voice and phonetics

L K I L G D T B Z X V S Q O M
K E T A I C N U N E I E G E C
A R A L E V Y W N U E T S Q P
N L J L H F E O C L A A G Y X
C V A A U S T Q O P N L N M K
A I J T H O F C E C B U O L E
D Z L I N G U I S T I C S A U
E Y N O I T C E L F N I G B G
N X M N I V U T E N O T N I O
C R Q O R O T U N D P R I A R
E C N A L I B I S O M A S L B

Monday's unlisted clue: SAUSAGE

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: AN IRISH ACCENT

Articulate	Enunciate	Lallation	Sibilance
Cadence	Inflection	Linguistics	Singsong
Dialect	Intone	Monotone	Velar
Elocution	Labial	Oratound	

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HOROSCOPE

For Wednesday, Oct. 28, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Give yourself a chance to discover inner resources you never thought you had.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Don't be surprised if your actions are uncharacteristically wild.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Share an innovative idea with others, and you are likely to be pleasantly surprised at their response.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A loved one needs to sort problems out on his or her own, so a little time apart will be best.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Face up to the reality of a situation, and you'll instantly feel a whole lot better.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Put your own needs aside should a good friend come to you in a crisis.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Don't commit yourself to a project if you know you don't really have the resources.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A family member or friend is likely to drag you into a debate you'd really prefer not to be a part of.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Remember that sometimes solitude is every bit as important as commitment to the group.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Take the time to prioritize your obligations, then tackle only the first on the list.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) If your personal 15 minutes haven't come, they're likely to be around the corner.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Don't be afraid to listen to your inner voice; it's likely trying to tell you something important.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

Cover today's East-West cards and examine the bidding and play. Which way do you finesse for the diamond queen?

West's club 10 wins the first trick, and South ruffs East's club jack at trick two.

South leads his trump queen to East's king, and East cashes his trump ace before exiting with his club king. South ruffs the club king and must go right in diamonds. Which way should he finesse? Should you cash dummy's diamond ace and finesse against East? No, that finesse loses to West's doubleton queen, and the game ends. The winning play is to finesse against West!

South knows East was dealt the A-K of trumps and the A-K-J of clubs — 15 HCP. South also knows East must hold a heart honor. Otherwise, holding both heart honors, West would surely have led the heart king. It doesn't matter whether East holds the heart king or holds the queen. With either one, he cannot also hold the diamond queen and remain below his promised maximum of 18 HCP.

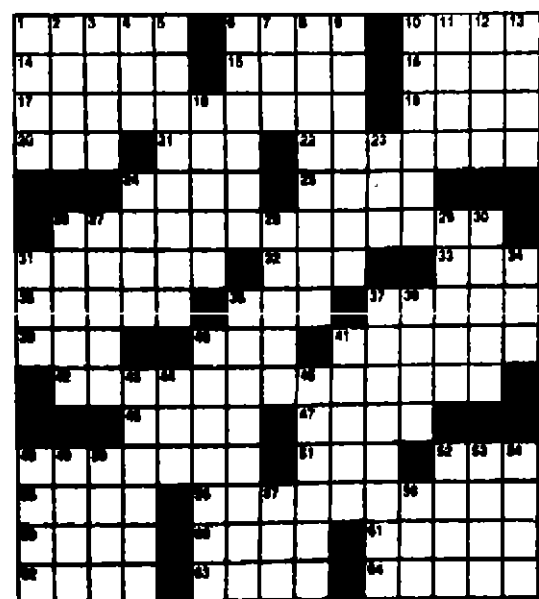
N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0916

- ACROSS**
- Green stuff
 - On — (without assurance of payment)
 - Fivesome on a live
 - Kind of committee
 - Spanish snack
 - Org. protecting workers
 - "Some Like It Hot" co-star
 - Innocent
 - Like a hit B'way show
 - Mex. neighbor
 - Filler of holes
 - Make — for it
 - Mrs. Addams, to Gomez
 - 1990's boxing champion
 - Fairly
 - Actor Cariou
 - Little worker
 - Worker's demand
 - Bro's kin
 - Housing unit
 - Extra-play periods: Abbr.
 - Essen exclamation
 - TV cop Chris
 - Country star who sang "Roses in the Snow"
 - "Othello" role
 - Commedia dell' —
 - Level, in taxes
 - Columnist Marilyn —
 - Savant
 - Triangular sail
 - Music genre since the 50's
 - Onetime winner of all the awards in this puzzle's theme
 - Raison d' —
 - Privy to
 - Intensely hot
 - Treat for Little Miss Muffet
 - Taj Mahal city
 - Ruffed

DOWN

- They may be left at one's doorstep
- Whiff
- "Curse"
- Actress Myrna
- On target
- Leave high and dry
- Frisk, with "down"
- Formal correspondence
- Sea north of Iran
- Blanket wrap
- Writer Dinesen
- Rizzuto or Collins
- Protected
- Great deal of interest
- Blonde shade
- Takes steps
- Take to the soapbox
- Earthquake
- Friend of Job
- One-named New Age musician
- Aconcagua and environs
- Old hand
- Trifle
- Darling
- Hauls away
- Grimm figure
- Carnus's birthplace
- Rebound shot
- It's a knockout
- Jabber
- Castro's capital
- Suds
- Portnoy's "Complaint" author
- Bit of a spread
- Mixed oath
- Start of a legal memo
- "Cheers" bartender Woody —
- Rocky peak
- Estuary



Puzzle by Elliott M. Loring

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

CASH CAST PSHAW
ULNA OUTLO SOCIALA
BOOMERANG PRYOR
SEW TRI ATTESTS
OHANA HOW
PATROL SLAPDASH
ALIAS OPEN RENE
RIBS DRINK IRON
EYES HARD AVION
DETHROME SLEEPY
OIL STAIR
STEPPED EGG SKY
CARPE MURRICANE
ALTEN ANNE AREA
BEARS MOST PTEN

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